City fought the toughest battles of their spring flood season this past weekend with Friday being one of the toughest battles.

Numerous volunteers demonstrated a community spirit by pitching in to help crews from Heber City, Wasatch County and state workers.

Overseeing floodfighting in Wasatch County was Kent Berg, Wasatch County's emergency management director.

Last week and at the start of the weekend, he had worked long 14 and 16-hour days often sloshing through water as he directed efforts to control waterways that became sometimes out of control.

Heber City fights

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His hard work finally got to him, and by Saturday he was admitted to a hospital in Heber City with pneumonia.

Many Heber residents like Robert Reese who works at Timberline remained in high spirits inspite of floods that slightly damaged the Main Street store where he works.

He said flooding made business bad, and took a little free time to float "Main Street River." from Timberline to the north end of the downtown area.

Some Heber residents sat in lawn chairs and fished. One claimed he landed a trout.

Gas station business was bad for Ralph Hilton who owns Hilton Motel and the service station on Main Street.

"Not too many people will cross the water and come into the station," he said, noting that he had almost no customers Friday. Ron Trimble who owns Ron's Tires was also worried that a culvert near his business couldn't handle all the water the Main Street "river" was delivering.

Berg sent out an alert and crews brought sandbags to build up the area around the culvert and to build a makeshift waterway through his property that would take the excess water off his property and to a field to the west.





Many men like these two (above) helped sandbag. Charlena Wagstaff (above left) used sandbags to stop water from entering her apartment. At one time water surrounded the apartment.

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